


42. A method of loading a blasthole, which method comprises the steps of inserting a primer into a primer casing as claimed in claim 23, positioning the primer casing at a desired location in the blasthole using a loading hose, and charging the blasthole with bulk explosive.--

REMARKS

The claims of the international application have been replaced to correct formalities. Claims that were dependent upon multiply dependent claims have been replaced. This amendment is not intended to change the scope of the claims.

This amendment does not require the payment of additional fees. On amendment this case contains 20 claims of which 1 is independent and several are multiply dependent. For filing fee calculation the number of total claims are 36. The national filing fee of the accompanying national stage filing has been adjusted to include excess claims fees.

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